# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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Rural Housing Schemes
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government is implementing any scheme titled the Rural Housing Knowledge Network in the country and if so the salient features thereof,

(b) Whether the Government has any data regarding coordination of dialogue session to dissemination of innovative knowledge about cost effective housing techniques in various States including Madhya Pradesh under the scheme and if so the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Government has any record of beneficiaries under the State in the Country; and

(d) If so, the details thereof, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b) : Ministry of Rural Development is not implementing any scheme titled 'Rural Housing Knowledge Network' in the country at present.

However, the "Rural Housing Knowledge Network" was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development in collaboration with IIT, Delhi with the objective of compiling a comprehensive nationwide updatable repository of practitioners, institutions and practices related to affordable and sustainable solutions for rural housing including innovative and cost effective housing techniques which would be made available in the public domain through a multi lingual web portal.

Community dialogues for dissemination of good construction practices and innovative housing technologies in the form of 'Grameen Awaas: Sawaal, Jawab evam samvad' sessions have been conducted by RHKN in Bihar, Tripura, Chhattissgarh, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim in 2013-14. Training of trainers workshops have also been organized under the aegis of RHKN including one for Panchayat Outreach Programme 'Grameen Awaas: Sthaniya Sahbhagita se Gunwatta Unnayan' in Madhya Pradesh in May 2014.(As reported by RHKN on their website, www.ruralhousingnetwork.in)

(c ) & (d) : No such record of beneficiaries under the scheme is maintained by the service provider till date.

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